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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA - RATIFICATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS

REF: CONAKRY 00231

1. PRESIDENT IS SENDING HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS INCLUDING
CONVENTION ON ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMI-
NATION TO SENATE SHORTLY BUT TIMING OF POSSIBLE SENATE
ACTION IS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME.

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2. MAIN REASONS U.S. DOES NOT SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME
OF APARTHEID ARE: 1. UN CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION
OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, ALREADY IN FORCE,
COMPLETELY OUTLAWS APARTHEID; THEREFORE ANOTHER LEGAL
INSTRUMENT ON SAME SUBJECT IS SUPERFLUOUS, AND 2.

JURISDICTIONAL PROVISIONS OF APARTHEID CONVENTION PURPORT
TO EXTEND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JURISDICTION EVEN TO
CASES WHERE THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS BETWEEN
THE OFFENDER AND PROSECUTING STATE AND THEREFORE IS
INCONSISTENT WITH BASIC NORMS OF FAIRNESS AND DUE PROCESS.

3. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST REPORTING ON GUINEA'S
ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCERNING
HUMAN RIGHTS. CABLES ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE ALSO
SENT INFO USUN AND GENEVA.

4. CONAKRY 231 BEING REPEATED TO USUN AND GENEVA.

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